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## California State Parks' Central Valley Vision Public Outreach Meetings

California State Parks Director Ruth Coleman today announced the latest round of public meetings to gather input on the department's Central Valley Vision from residents throughout the Central Valley. This latest round of meetings will happen in areas from Red Bluff to the Delta and down the Central Valley to Bakersfield.

State parks instituted a long-range program to help guide its future development and acquisition program in the Great Central Valley in California's heartland. During the spring of 2005, outreach meetings occurred in Sacramento, Redding, Chico, Davis, Woodland, Fresno, Visalia and Tulare.

*We want to hear from you! **What special areas or facilities would you like considered? Where should we seek to acquire new lands because of their natural, cultural, historical or recreational potential?*** Please join us:

**Sept. 13, 2005: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Host: Moore's Riverboat Marina  
106 Brannan Island Road  
Isleton, CA (Delta region)

**Sept. 14, 2005: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Host: Black Gold Theater/Kern Museum  
3801 Chester Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA

**Sept. 15, 2005: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Host: Madera County Board of Supervisors  
Madera Resource Management Agency  
2037 West Cleveland Avenue, A-7  
Madera, CA

**Sept. 19, 2005: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Host: Department of Parks and Recreation  
Red Bluff Community Center  
1500 S. Jackson Street  
Red Bluff, CA

**Sept. 20, 2005: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Host: Great Valley Center  
201 Needham Street  
Modesto, CA

**Sept. 21, 2005: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Host: U.C. Merced  
4225 N. Hospital Road (Old Castle AFB)  
Redwood Room  
Atwater, CA

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**Sept. 27, 2005: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Host: City of Stockton  
Memorial Civic Auditorium, North Hall  
525 North Center Street  
Stockton, CA

Geographically, the Central Valley is an area that ranges from roughly the northern side of the Tehachapi's in the south to Shasta in the north, a distance of about 450 miles long and approximately 50 miles wide. The valley encompasses part or all of 18 California counties and accounts for over fifteen million acres or 15 percent of California's total acreage. California State Parks manages 32 units with a total acreage of 94,700 within this area, or about seven percent of the total state park lands.

For more information, please visit the Department's web site, [www.parks.ca.gov/centralvalley](http://www.parks.ca.gov/centralvalley) or contact the Planning Division at 916 651-9901 or fax 916 653-4458.

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